# Core to College Alignment Director Convening

# May 6-8th, 2013

# Omni Interlocken Hotel – Broomfield, Colorado

# Meeting Objectives

Alignment Directors will:

* Learn about establishing and using shared K-12 and higher education college-readiness definitions, including new models and practices for engaging stakeholders, setting policy and planning communications.
* Jointly problem-solve and advise one another in areas of their practice.
* Hear from expert voices on college-readiness definitions and faculty engagement.
* Question and learn from representatives of the assessment consortia.

# Day One: Monday, May 6th

**3:00 pm Registration Table Opens**

**Outside the Pine Room**

*Attendees pick up folders, badges*

**3:30 pmOptional Meeting Orientation for Speakers, Funders, and Guests**

**Pine Room**

*Optional informal gathering for speakers, funders, and guests to ask any questions about their role in the convening and the agenda*

**4:00 pm Welcome, Introductions and Orientation**

**Pine Room**

*Welcome from Education First and Core to College funders*

*Brief overview and goals of convening*

*Introductions of ADs and colleagues, funders, speakers, and guests*

**5:15 pm Reception**

**Lobby Court and Terrace**

*Informal networking for all participants*

**6:00 pm Dinner and Keynote Speaker**

**Private Dining Room across Atrium from Lobby Court and Terrace**

*Colorado Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia*

*Q&A*

**8:00 pm Dinner concludes**

# Day Two: Tuesday, May 7th

**8:00 am Breakfast Buffet**

**Private Dining Room across Atrium from Lobby Court and Terrace**

**9:00 am Setting the Stage: What is a College/Career Readiness Definition?**

**Pine Room**

*Welcome and introduction to goals of Day 2*

*Setting the context of a college readiness definition*

**9:10 am State Report-Out of College/Career Readiness Definition Work**

**Pine Room**

*Each state gets 5-7 minutes to report answers to three questions posed in advance*

*Questions:*

1. Is your state creating a common definition of college/career readiness (include any work you are aligning with the PARCC or Smarter Balanced definitions)?
   * + If so, for what purpose?
     + If not, why not?
2. What stakeholders are you engaging in the creation of this definition, and what have they generally contributed?
   * + If not creating one, what stakeholders are you engaging on the issue itself?
3. If you have a definition on the books, how exactly are you using it?
   * + What policies has the definition helped shape, if any?
     + How did you/are you communicating the definition publicly?
     + If no definition:
       - What policies do you want the definition to shape when it is finished?
       - How do you plan to communicate the definition when it is finished?

**10:40 am Break**

**Garden Foyer A**

**10:50 am Response of Expert Discussants**

**Pine Room**

*Four guests respond to the work of the states, summarize key themes they’ve heard, and pose questions for states to think about in their work*

**11:10 am Facilitated Q&A for States**

**Pine Room**

*States ask questions of each other*

**12:10 pm Reflection and Wrap-Up**

**Pine Room**

*Reflections from states on what they learned this morning*

**12:15 pm Lunch**

**The Tap Room and Terrace**

**1:00 pm Icebreaker**

**Pine Room**

*Afterward, transition to breakout rooms for Problem of Practice discussions*

**1:30 pm Problem of Practice**

**Group 1 (FL, OR, TN): Cedar Room**

**Group 2 (CO, LA, MA): Aspen Room**

**Group 3 (HI, IN): Birch Room**

**Group 4 (KY, NC, WA): Alder Room**

*Three states per group, with about 50 minutes for each state to work through the protocol (and stretch breaks between each state). One group will have two states.*

**4:30 pm Reflection**

**Pine Room**

*Reflections from states on what they learned today and what they are looking forward to tomorrow*

*Logistics for dinner*

**4:45 pm Day 2 concludes**

**6:00 pm Dinner**

*Buca di Beppo, 615 Flatiron Marketplace Drive, Broomfield*

*Groups will meet in the lobby to take the hotel shuttle starting at 5:45 pm*

# Day Three: Wednesday, May 8th

**7:00 am Breakfast Buffet**

**Private Dining Room across Atrium from Lobby Court and Terrace**

**8:00 am WestEd Evaluation Cycle Report: Placing College Students in Courses for Credit: Possible Shifts in Placement Tests under the Common Core State Standards**

**Pine Room**

*Presentation by Neal Finkelstein and Kim Austin*

*Q&A*

**9:00 am Smarter Balanced and PARCC Updates**

**Pine Room**

*Presentations by Jaci King and Allison Jones*

*Q&A*

**10:00 am Break and Transition to Consortium Discussions**

**Garden Foyer A**

**10:10 am Assessment Consortium Discussions**

**PARCC states: Aspen Room**

**Smarter Balanced states: Cedar Room**

*States have small-group discussions with their respective consortium*

**11:15 am Wrap-Up and Reflection**

**Pine Room**

*Reflections from states on what they learned during the convening and overall thoughts*

**11:30 am Convening Concludes / Optional Lunch**

**Garden Foyer A**

*Participants can depart for airport immediately or have some lunch first*

**12:00 pm Shuttle Departs for Airport**

**Hotel lobby**